## LATE TESTIMONY



February 6, 2013

The Honorable Will Espero, Chairman Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs State Capitol, Room 231 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Testimony on SB 683 - Relating to State Building Code Fund

Dear Chairman Espero and Committee Members:

The International Code Council is a 50,000 member, non-profit public benefit corporation dedicated to helping the building safety community and construction industry provide safe, sustainable and affordable construction through the development of codes and standards used in the design, build and compliance process.

The International Code Council supports the principal goal of SB 683. The bill seeks to establish a stable funding mechanism so the Hawaii State Building Code Council (SBCC) can carry out its duty, which is to create, maintain and periodically update building codes to best serve the interests of the State of Hawaii and its citizens. Having a consistent and reliable funding source will allow the state to ensure there are current uniform and safe building construction requirements adequate to protect the fire and life-safety and health of building occupants. Keeping current with national safety and building code trends create regulatory predictability which results in a more positive business climate and healthy economic development and growth.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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